

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

laying down arrangements applicable
to trade with Cyprus beyond 31 December 1981

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. The EEC-Cyprus Association Council of 24 November 1980 decided that, as from the beginning of 1981, the Community and Cyprus should enter into negotiations to work out the trade arrangements to apply in 1982 and 1983.
2. These negotiations have not yet taken place due to the fact that the Council has been unable to adopt the Commission's negotiating directives.
3. In order to avoid a hiatus in the legal provisions governing the Community's preferential relations with Cyprus due to the fact that the current trade arrangements with Cyprus expire on 31.12.81., it is necessary to extend on an autonomous basis, the current trade arrangements for a period of six months in order to enable the aforementioned negotiations to take place.

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

LAYING DOWN THE ARRANGEMENTS APPLICABLE TO TRADE WITH
CYPRUS BEYOND 31 DECEMBER 1981

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,
and in particular Article 113 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Whereas the Protocol concerning the arrangements to be applied during 1981
in the framework of the Decision adopted by the EEC-Cyprus Association
Council on 24 November 1980 establishing the process into the second stage
of the Association Agreement between the European Economic Community and
the Republic of Cyprus expires on 31 December 1981 (1);

Whereas it has not been possible to conclude, by the deadline set, the
Protocol concerning the arrangements to be applied during 1982 and 1983,
in the framework of the decision adopted by the EEC-Cyprus Association
Council on 24 November 1980 ;

Whereas, pending the conclusion of the Protocol, the term of validity of
the arrangements applied by the Community to trade with Cyprus in the
context of the association with that country should be extended in order to
avoid suddenly interrupting certain traditional trade flows,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The trade arrangements established by the Agreement establishing an
association between the European Economic Community and the Republic of
Cyprus (2), including the Additional Protocol to that Agreement (3), the
Supplementary Protocol (4) and the Protocol consequent on the accession
of the Hellenic Republic to the Community (5), shall remain applicable in
the Community beyond 31 December 1981 and up to 30 juin 1982.

(1) OJ No. L 174 of 30.6.81, p. 28

(2) OJ No. L 133 of 21.5.73, p. 2

(3) OJ No. L 339 of 28.12.77, p.2

(4) OJ No. L 172 of 28.6.78, p.2

(5) OJ No. L 174 of 30.6.81, p.2

1. The products listed below, originating in Cyprus, shall be admitted for import into the Community at the rates of customs duties applicable under the Common Customs Tariff reduced by the percentage indicated for each of them:

CC.T heading No	Description	Rate of reduction %
07.01	Vegetables, fresh or chilled: A. Potatoes: II. New potatoes: (a) from 1 January to 15 May (b) from 16 May to 30 June G. Carrots, turnips; salad beetroot, salsify, celeriac, radishes and similar edible roots: ex II. Carrots and turnips: — Carrots: — from 1 January to 31 March — from 1 April to 15 May S. Sweet peppers ex T. Other: — Aubergines, from 1 October to 30 November	 60 55 (a) 60 60 (b) 50 (c) 60 (d)
08.04	Grapes, fresh or dried: A. Fresh: I. Table grapes: (a) from 1 November to 14 July: ex 2. Other: — from 8 June to 14 July ex (b) from 15 July to 31 October: — from 15 July to 31 July	 60 (c) 60 (c)

(a) Within the limits of a Community tariff quota of 60 000 tonnes.

(b) Within the limits of a Community tariff quota of 2 300 tonnes.

(c) Within the limits of a Community tariff quota of 250 tonnes.

(d) Within the limits of a Community tariff quota of 250 tonnes.

(e) Within the limits of a global Community tariff quota of 7 000 tonnes.

2. The rates of reduction specified in paragraph 1 shall apply to the customs duties actually applied at any given moment in respect of third countries.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

It shall apply with effect from 1 January 1982.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council,
The President